GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ASSISTANCE HOSPITALISATION BY AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether poor patients are being ignored by the premier hospital like AIIMS, New Delhi for theirassistance in hospitalisation and treatment cost;

(b) if so, the assistance and Hospitalisation provided by AIIMS to the poor patients during the last three years andupto March 31, 2001; and

(c) the details of funds allocated to the AIIMS for assistance to poor patients during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. There is no discrimination between the poor patients and rich patients who come to OPD and emergency department. However, patients who can afford are admitted in the Private ward and the percentage of such patients is only 8%. The patients who cannot pay the nominal hospital charges and charges for investigations are exempted by the faculty of the Department of the Hospital Administration and the Medical Superintendent. The patients who are poor and need financial assistance are provided help from AIIMS Poor Fund Account upto Rs.2000/- in each caseby the Medical superintendent. Poor patients suffering from Cancer and heart diseases are provided financial assistance upto Rs.50,000/- by the Medical Superintendent on the recommendation of the treating physician under the National Illness Assistance Fund. The details of funds utilised by the Institute to help poor patients are given below:

AIIMS Poor Fund Account

Year	No. of Patients benefited	Amount disbursed
1998-1999	56	16,325.00
1999-2000	186	30,620.00
2000-2001	45	22,650.00

National Illness Assistance Fund

Year	No. of Patients benefited	Amount disbursed
1999-2000	12	4,81,667.00
2000-2001	111	32,20,420.00

The Institute has been provided Rs.10.00 lakhs as a revolving fund under National Illness Assistance Fund.